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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

1. ON MARCH 12, AFTER BRIEFING ON COVERT INFORMATION
SERVICE INVITATIONS, SENATOR CURTIS ASKED DEPT. WHETHER
ACCEPTANCE OF INVITATION FROM SOUTH AFRICAN AGRICULTURE
UNION WOULD BE IN VIOLATION OF LAW. DEPT. RESPONDED THAT
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AND DISPOSITION OF GIFTS, BUT CITED THE ACT AND REGULATIONS AND CALLED ATTENTION TO OTHER LAWS ON SUBJECT OF ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS. DEPT. ALSO POINTED OUT THAT TERM "FOREIGN GOVERNMENT" INCLUDES "AN OFFICIAL AGENT OR REPRESENTATIVE THEREOF," AND THEN COMMENTED THAT IN ABSENCE OF MORE DETAILED INFORMATION DEPT. WAS UNABLE TO RENDER AN OPINION WHETHER SOUTH AFRICAN AGRICULTURE UNION IS ACTING AS AN AGENT OR REPRESENTATIVE OF SAG. FOLLOWING DAY, CURTIS CANCELLED SOUTH AFRICAN TRIP, BUT OVER LAST WEEKEND CHANGED HIS MIND AND NOW IS PLANNING TO DEPART MARCH 21, RETURNING TO U.S. APRIL 3.

2. DEPT. HAS CONVEYED INFO IN CAPE TOWN 299 (PARA. 2) TO CURTIS' SECRETARY AND OFFERED RESPOND TO ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS THIS INFO MAY HAVE STIMULATED.

3. DEPT. HAS LEARNED THAT REP. HAROLD RUNNELS (D.,N.M.), MEMBER ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE, WILL BE ACCOMPANYING REPS. DENT AND ICHORD (REF. B). THIS GROUP SCHEDULED TO LEAVE MARCH 21 OR 22 FOR TWO-WEEK STAY IN SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA. DENT'S OFFICE ADMITS HE PLANS "FEW DAYS IN RHODESIA TO MEET WITH (WHITE) LEADERS" AND SAYS HOST FOR VISIT IS WERNER ACKERMAN. ITINERARY HAS GROUP ARRIVING IN CAPE TOWN MARCH 24 WITH CALLS ON INFORMATION MINISTER MULDER, LABOR MINISTER VILJOEN, AND MINISTER OF MINES KOORNHOF. LATTER CALL RELATES TO REP. DENT'S INTEREST IN ENERGY. GROUP SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH CHIEF OF SOUTH AFRICAN ARMY AND TO VISIT SILVERMINE COMMAND CENTER AND SIMONSTOWN NAVAL BASE. DEPT. HAS OFFERED BRIEF GROUP ON SOUTH AFRICAN AND RHODESIAN ISSUES.

4. SOUTH AFRICAN INFORMATION COUNSELOR BEKKER, WHEN QUERIED BY PRESS, STRESSED RHODESIAN PART OF TRIP HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH SOUTH AFRICAN INFORMATION SERVICE, BUT ADMITTED THERE WOULD BE "LOT MORE ACKERMANN TRIPS" AS ACKERMAN HAD ISSUED "GENERAL INVITATION A LONG TIME AGO."

5. DEPARTMENT LEARNED FROM PRESS SOURCE AFTER DRAFTING ABOVE THAT RHODESIAN PORTION OF DENT-ICHORD-RUNNELS TRIP IS BEING ARRANGED BY ALLEGHENY LUDLUM INDUSTRIES VICE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRESIDENT E.F. ANDREWS. (SEE USIS SOUTH AFRICA USA NEWS DIGEST, MARCH 5, 1975 FOR MENTION OF ANDREWS TESTIMONY

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